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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CRITICIZES POLICE ACTION AT REBILD

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, IN A STORY WHICH BERLINGSKE
TIDENDE'S EDITOR TOLD AMBASSADOR DEAN AT DINNER JULY 14 WOULD
APPEAR TODAY, JULY 15, CRITICIZED POLICE PROTECTION AND
ACTIVITY AT THE REBILD FESTIVAL. (THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL --
SEE REFTTEL -- THAT ABOUT 200 DEMONSTRATORS INTERFERED BRIEFLY
WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND THAT A PLASTIC SACK CONTAINING BLOOD
WAS THROWN IN THE VICINITY OF THE QUEEN AND SPLASHED PRINCE
HENRIK). ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE MATTER A
MOST SERIOUS ONE. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WAS HOST TO MANY
VISITORS IN DENMARK AND WAS ACCUSTOMED TO FIRST-CLASS POLICE
PROTECTION, OFFICERS WHO HAD THEIR EYES ON EVERY DETAIL.
CLAIMING NOT TO HAVE SEEN ALL OF THE OCCURRENCES, ANDERSEN
NEVERTHELESS SAID HE HAD SEEN A SACK THROWN AT THE QUEEN
AND THAT HIS FIRST IMPULSE HAD BEEN TO JUMP UP AND GET
RID OF IT. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN, HE SAID, AN EXPLOSIVE OR
SOME OTHER DANGEROUS THING AND WAS CAST INTO THE AREA
WHERE HIS FOREIGN GUESTS, AMONG THEM THE U.S. AMBASSADOR,
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WERE SEATED.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO CRITICIZED THE JUDGEMENTS OF POLICE CHIEF KAI HARNE, WHO IN A NUMBER OF ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS THIS WEEK ASSERTED THAT A SACK HAD NOT BEEN THROWN, THAT NO VIOLENT ACTS HAD BEEN PERPETRATED BY THE DEMONSTRATORS, AND THAT THE DECISION TO RELEASE THEM (56 WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND FREED THE NEXT DAY WITHOUT CHARGES) WAS JUSTIFIED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PASSIVITY OF THE POLICE ON DUTY AND HIS UNEASINESS OVER THE READINESS OF RESPONSIBLE POLICE OFFICIALS TO DENY OCCURRENCES HE HIMSELF HAD OBSERVED. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIR, AS FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO PRESS CHARGES OR NOT.

3. COMMENT: JUST AS AT REBILD THERE HAVE BEEN EXPRESSIONS OF DISGUST AND DISMAY AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATOR'S BEHAVIOR BY INDIVIDUALS AND IN THE EDITORIAL COLUMNS OF THE NEWSPAPERS. THE REAL QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT IT IS PERMISSIBLE IN A TOLERANT DEMOCRATIC STATE TO INTERFERE WITH THE PEACEFUL MANIFESTATIONS OF PERSONS WITH WHOM YOU DISAGREE HAS ONLY BEEN RAISED TANGENTIALLY BY THE DEFENDERS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS, WHO MAINTAIN THEIR ACTION WAS THE ONLY WAY TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE SENTIMENTS AND ATTITUDES REPRESENTED BY REBILD. WE WILL BE CURIOUS TO SEE HOW FAR THE DEBATE GOES AND IF CHARGES ARE PRESSED AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATORS. BUT, MEANWHILE, WE ARE PLEASED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S INDIRECT BUT PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR THE OCCURRENCE.
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